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ALLOTMENT OF STALLS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the stalls are being allotted to the same contractors repeatedly in the Western Railway ;

(b) if so, the names of contractors for books stalls, eatables and other items at various railway stations under Western Railway during the last three years and the reasons for renewal therefor ; and

(c) the policy adopted by the Railways in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) : There is no bar in the policy for allotting stalls to the same contractor if his previous track record, along with other criteria for allotment, is satisfactory.

(b) and (c) : At 'A', 'B' and 'C' category stations, allotment of catering stalls to general categories is done by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) by tender system. On Western Railway, IRCTC have given temporary extensions to the existing general category licensees due to ongoing court cases. Allotment of catering stalls to reserved categories at 'A', 'B' and 'C' category stations and all categories at 'D', 'E' and 'F' category stations, is done by calling applications by the Divisions. As per policy, the existing contractors of these stalls are allowed to continue subject to satisfactory performance.

As the Bookstall Policy, 2004 is subjudice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, status- quo is being maintained in regard to allotment and renewal of Bookstall licenses.

The details of such contracts/stalls are not maintained in the Ministry.